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CDU BUNDESTAG FACTION PRESS OFFICER ACKERMANN WHO WAS PRESENT IN MEETING CDU BUNDESTAG FACT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THIS WEEK SAID CHANCELLOR ADENAUER THERE SET FORTH LINES OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY AND TACTICS IN PRESENT SITUATION. CHANCELLOR SAID SOVIETS ARE POWERFUL AND SELF-CONFIDENT AS NEVER BEFORE AND IT IS COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THEM NOW TO MAKE ANY CONCESSION TO WESTERN OR, SPECIFICALLY, GERMAN INTERESTS. RATHER IT SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED THEY WILL PRESS THEIR AGGRESSIVE AIMS. IT THEREFORE FALLS TO WEST TO SEEK MEANS OF BLOCKING COMMUNIST INITIATIVES WHICH TEND TO MANEUVER WEST INTO WEAKENING ITS OWN POSITION AND TO FOMENT CONSTANT UNREST. GERMAN PROBLEM IS EFFECT NOT REPEAT NOT CAUSE OF TENSION AND WHAT IS NEEDED IS PERIOD OF CALM IN WHICH OVER LONG TIME BASIC IMPROVEMENT EAST-WEST RELATIONS CAN BE WORKED OUT. TO ACHIEVE THIS HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE GDR DE FACTO RECOGNITION, SEEKING, IN NEGOTIATION THIS POINT AGREEMENT TO MORE CONTACTS BETWEEN GERMANS IN TWO PARTS OF COUNTRY AND MEANS OF HOLDING BERLIN.

(SEE EMB DESP 971, DECEMBER 22, 1958) AT SAME TIME IT IS IMPERATIVE WEST NOT REPEAT NOT WEAKEN ITS OWN SECURITY AND DISCUSSIONS OF DISENGAGEMENT OR THINNING OUT HAVE NO REPEAT PLACE IN THIS CONCEPT. HE REALIZED THIS LINE WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS ABANDONING REUNIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE STATUS QUO. THIS IS FALSE INTERPRETATION. REUNIFICATION REMAINS UPPERMOST GOAL BUT PRESENT POSSIBILITIES HAVE TO BE REALISTICALLY CONSIDERED AND WAY TO ACHIEVING REUNIFICATION ULTIMATELY IN FRAMEWORK GENERAL DETENTE IS TO STABILIZE PRESENT SITUATION. STABILITY MEANS DEPRIVING SOVIETS OF INDUCEMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES

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TO KEEP WORLD AT BRINK OF WAR AND TO UNDERMINE WESTERN SOLIDARITY.

WITH THIS AS BASIS HIS THINKING CHANCELLOR CALLED ON FACTION YESTERDAY TO RALLY BEHIND GOVERNMENT AS RESOLUTELY AND UNITEDLY AS AMERICAN PEOPLE RALLIED BEHIND PRESIDENT AFTER HIS OUTSTANDING TV ADDRESS. ADENAUER SAID OPPOSITION IS ABANDONING PRETENSE OF COLLABORATION. HE ATTACKED SPDS MEETINGS WITH SOVIETS AND OLLENHAUER'S WEEKEND SPEECH AT HANNOVER IN WHICH SPD REFERRED TO BANKRUPT ADENAUER POLICIES HAVING LED COUNTRY TO DEAD END. HE SAID THESE POLICIES HAVE, IN FACT, PRODUCED SOLIDARITY AND STRENGTH NEEDED TO MEET PRESENT SITUATION AND THIS WAS NO REPEAT NO TIME TO WEAKEN THEM. AS LONG AS SOVIETS SEEK TO EXTEND COMMUNIST INFLUENCE INTO WEST GERMANY IT REMAINS DANGEROUS TO DISCUSS WITH THEM GERMANY'S MILITARY STATUS. THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO TELLING ALLIES FEDERAL REPUBLIC PREPARED TO LEAVE ALLIANCE.

HE SPOKE WITH CONCERN ABOUT SOFTNESS IN BRITISH CIRCLES WHICH SEEMED TO HAVE EFFECT ON RESOLUTENESS AND CLARITY OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S THINKING. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, HE AND MACMILLAN HAD AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE TO BE AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL AND SHOULD LEAD ULTIMATELY TO QUESTION OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT WHICH BASIC TO ANY REAL SOLUTIONS. THIS WOULD HOWEVER TAKE LONG TIME AND NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE PURSUED AT VARIOUS LEVELS.

ADENAUER ALSO UPHELD HIS STATEMENTS IN ARTICLE REPORTED EMBTEL 2052 TO EFFECT THAT LIMITATION OF ARMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE COULD LEAD ONLY TO WEAKENING WESTERN DEFENSIVE POWER AND SECURITY. IT WAS CLEAR FROM LONDON DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE (EMBTel 2000) U.K. WAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERING SUCH PLANS EXCEPT AS CONCOMITANT OF REUNIFICATION AND GENERAL RELAXATION TENSION.

ACKERMANN AND CDU DEPUTIES SAY FACTION RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND UNITEDLY TO CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENTS AND THAT LINES OF CDU POLICY NOW FIRMER AND CLEARER THAN FOR SOME TIME PAST.

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